

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M: 17-61
17-62

1. Name Upton Darby House and Poole's General Store (Seneca Store) 17/62
2. Planning Area/Site Number 17/61
3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference
Upton Darby House - Map 13 D-13
Poole's General Store - Map 13 D-13
4. Address 14611 Old River Road, Seneca
5. Classification Summary
- | | |
|---|--|
| Upton Darby House | Poole's General Store |
| Category <u>building</u> | <u>building</u> |
| Ownership <u>private</u> | <u>private</u> |
| Public Acquisition <u>--</u> | <u>--</u> |
| Status <u>occupied</u> | <u>occupied</u> |
| Accessible <u>no</u> | <u>yes: restricted</u> |
| Present use <u>private residence</u> | <u>commercial</u> |
| Previous Survey Recording <u>M-MCPC</u> | <u>Federal</u> <u>State</u> <u>X</u> <u>County</u> <u>X</u> <u>Local</u> |
- (Title and date: Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976)
6. Date c.1855 (House)
1901 (Store)
7. Original Owner
John & Upton Darby (House)
Frederick Allnutt (Store)
8. Apparent Condition
- a. good
- b. altered
- c. original site
9. Description: The house is a two story, frame structure with a five bay, main (south) facade. The doorway is in the central bay; it has transom and side-lights. At either end are internal chimneys for fireplaces; they have two story bases and brick stacks. A one story porch with bracketed posts extends across the entire facade. The rear el was built in two sections, each 1½ stories. The first section was integral with the house; the second part was added later. Poole's Store has a gabled three bay main (south) facade with a shed roofed porch, and 6/6 double-hung sash windows.
10. Significance: Located next to the Seneca Creek near the Potomac River and on an early major trading route (River Road), these buildings remind us of the relationship of milling and trade, and reflect changes in the farmer's needs and in marketing patterns brought about by changes in dominant modes of transportation. The land upon which the Upton Darby House and Poole's General Store sit was originally part of Seneca or Milford Mills, a milling complex which dated from the late 18th century. The two-story frame house was constructed c. 1855 by John Darby and his son, Upton, of Franklin County, Pa. who operated the mill as partners trading under the name of John Darby and Son, as later did Upton and his son, Ernest. In 1900 the house and mill were sold under mortgage foreclosure proceedings to Wilson B. Tschiffely. Tschiffely operated the mill until 1931, but immediately sold the house and a surrounding 2 1/2 acres to Frederick Allnutt. Allnutt had operated a general merchandise store along the C&O Canal at Seneca. Then in 1901 he constructed the present general store. The Allnutt family ran the general store until 1963 when the store was rented out. Allnutts continue to live in the house.
11. Date researched and researcher 12/78, Mark Walston - Architectural Descript.
Michael Dwyer (house)
Candy Reed (store)
12. Compiler Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled 2/79 14. Designation
Approval
15. Acreage 2.25 Acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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MAGI:

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Upton Darby House and Poole's General Store

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

14611 Old River Road

CITY, TOWN

Seneca

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Guy Allnutt

Telephone #: unlisted

STREET & NUMBER

14611 Old River Road

CITY, TOWN

Seneca

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 428

Folio #: 447

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCP+PC Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

— EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
 — FAIR

— DETERIORATED
 — RUINS
 — UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

— UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
 — MOVED DATE _____

STORE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story three bay by three bay frame store is built on brick foundations and faces southwest. It has white novelty siding.

The southwest (front) porch has four poured concrete steps which extend the full width of the elevation. Four thin stripped tree trunks, painted green, support a shed roof with green raised seam metal covering. The southwest door is a double paneled door surmounted by a two-light transom. On the southeast elevation a shed roof is supported by four metal poles. At the east corner there are double paneled wooden doors. There are six over six double hung windows flanked at the first level by green wooden paneled shutters, and at the second level, by green wooden louvered shutters which have been closed.

The store has a gable roof with raised seam metal covering. An exterior stove chimney on the southeast exterior wall abuts an interior stove chimney on the same elevation. At the northwest elevation a stove pipe extends out a window and above the roof.

The store is a rectangular building. There is one room inside. There are built-in shelves along the southeast, southwest, and northwest interior walls. At the east corner there is a closed string stairway. The walls and ceilings have been plastered.

The stairway is enclosed in triple-beaded paneling. Doors are paneled and there is bead molding around the door frame.

(HOUSE) The house is a two story, frame structure with a five bay, main (south) facade. The doorway is in the central bay; it has transom and sidelights. At either end are internal chimneys for fireplaces; they have two story bases and brick stacks. A one story porch with bracketed posts extends across the entire facade.

The rear el was built in two sections, each 1-1/2 stories. The first section was integral with the house; the second part was added later.

In plan, the house has a central hall and flanking parlors. The parlors have marble mantelpieces. The rear el is two rooms, the second one being added as a new kitchen. Some of the rooms have wooden shutters, the middle panels being horizontally louvered.

East of the house is a two story stable built about 1900.

West of the house is a stone springhouse.

On the back of a riser on the stairs to the second floor is signed by "Henry Young, Plasterer, June 14, 1855."

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES house - c.1855
 store - 1901

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The land upon which the subject buildings are situated was originally a portion of a parcel known as the Seneca or Milford Mills, a milling complex which dated from the late 18th century. This particular dwelling, however, was constructed around the year 1855 by John and Upton Darby, two in a long succession of Seneca millers. John Darby and his son, Upton Darby, of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, purchased from the heirs of Francis P. Dodge, "all that part...of 'Thomas' Discovery' and part of 'Seneca Ford or Forks', comprising what is known as Seneca or Milford Mills property, at or near the mouth of Seneca Creek", containing 93 1/2 acres. 1/ The deed of conveyance from the children of Francis Dodge, of Georgetown, D.C., is dated July 9, 1855. - John and Upton Darby, however, appear to have occupied the property for a period of time prior to the date of deed. For, on the back of a riser on the stairs leading to the second floor of the house is found the inscription "Henry Young, Plasterer, June 14, 1855", indicating that the house had been erected and had neared(if not already reached) completion by the deed's date of July 9, 1855. (This situation, however, that is occupancy before the execution of a proper instrument of conveyance, was not an uncommon occurrence in the 19th century.)

John Darby and Upton Darby, "partners trading under the name and style of John Darby and Son" 2/ and later, Upton Darby and his son Ernest H. Darby, owned and operated the Seneca Mills until 1900, when, under mortgage foreclosure proceedings, the dwelling house and mill were put up for sale by decree of the Montgomery County Court. The sale handbill described the building as "... a two story frame dwelling house, of nine rooms, pantries, etc., beautifully situated." 3/ At the sale, held June 27, 1900, William P. Crenshaw of Baltimore City purchased the 93 1/2 acre mill tract for \$5,055. Immediately after the sale, (and before receiving a proper deed) Crenshaw sold the land to Wilson B. Tschiffely, and, consequently, on September 26, 1900, a formal deed of conveyance was executed from the court-appointed trustees to Tschiffely. 4/ On October 13, 1900, Wilson Tschiffely sold the house and a surrounding 2 1/2 acres to Frederick Allnutt, for \$1,200. 5/ (Tschiffely retained ownership of the residue of the property, including the mill, which he operated until 1931.)

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montgomery County Land Records
 Montgomery County Equity Records

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.25 acres and 132 sq. ps.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Architectural Description
 Store - Candy Reed
 House - Mike Dwyer

Mark Walston

DATE

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

December 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Box 87, Stronghold

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Dickerson

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

Upton Darby House & Poole's General Store

Frederick Allnutt had operated a general merchandise store along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in Seneca. Then, in 1901, he constructed the present general store, situated on the property purchased from Tschiffely and adjacent to the dwelling house. The Allnutt family ran the general store until 1963, when the store building was rented out. Members of the Allnutt family continue to own and occupy the dwelling house and property.

NOTES

1. Deed JGH 7/1, Montgomery County Land Records
2. Deed EBP 8/381, Montgomery County Land Records
3. Judgment 10/94, Montgomery County Equity Records
4. Deed TD 16/1, Montgomery County Land Records
5. Deed TD 16/57, Montgomery County Land Records



Upton Darby House
River Road, Seneca, Maryland

Southeast Facade



South Facade

1603825504

MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
Union Darby House and Allnutt's Store				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
14611 Old River Road				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Poolesville				
STATE:			COUNTY:	
Maryland			Montgomery	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress
		Public Acquisition:		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
		<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment				
<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum				
<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____				
4. OWNER'S PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Guy Allnutt				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
14611 Old River Road				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Poolesville			Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF ITEM DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, LIST OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Poolesville			Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
None				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Upton Darby House & Allnutt's Store

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ Excellent

☒ Good

☐ Fair

(Check One)

☐ Deteriorated

☐ Ruins

☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered

☐ Uncolored

(Check One)

☐ Moved

☒ Original Site

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Adjacent to the house is Allnutt's Store. It has a gabled three bay main (south) facade with a shed roofed porch. The windows are 6/6 double hung sash. It was built in 1901.

East of the house is a two story stable built about 1900.

West of the house is a stone springhouse.

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Upton Daily's House & Allments Store

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1855; 1901

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 20 May 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

M: 17-61

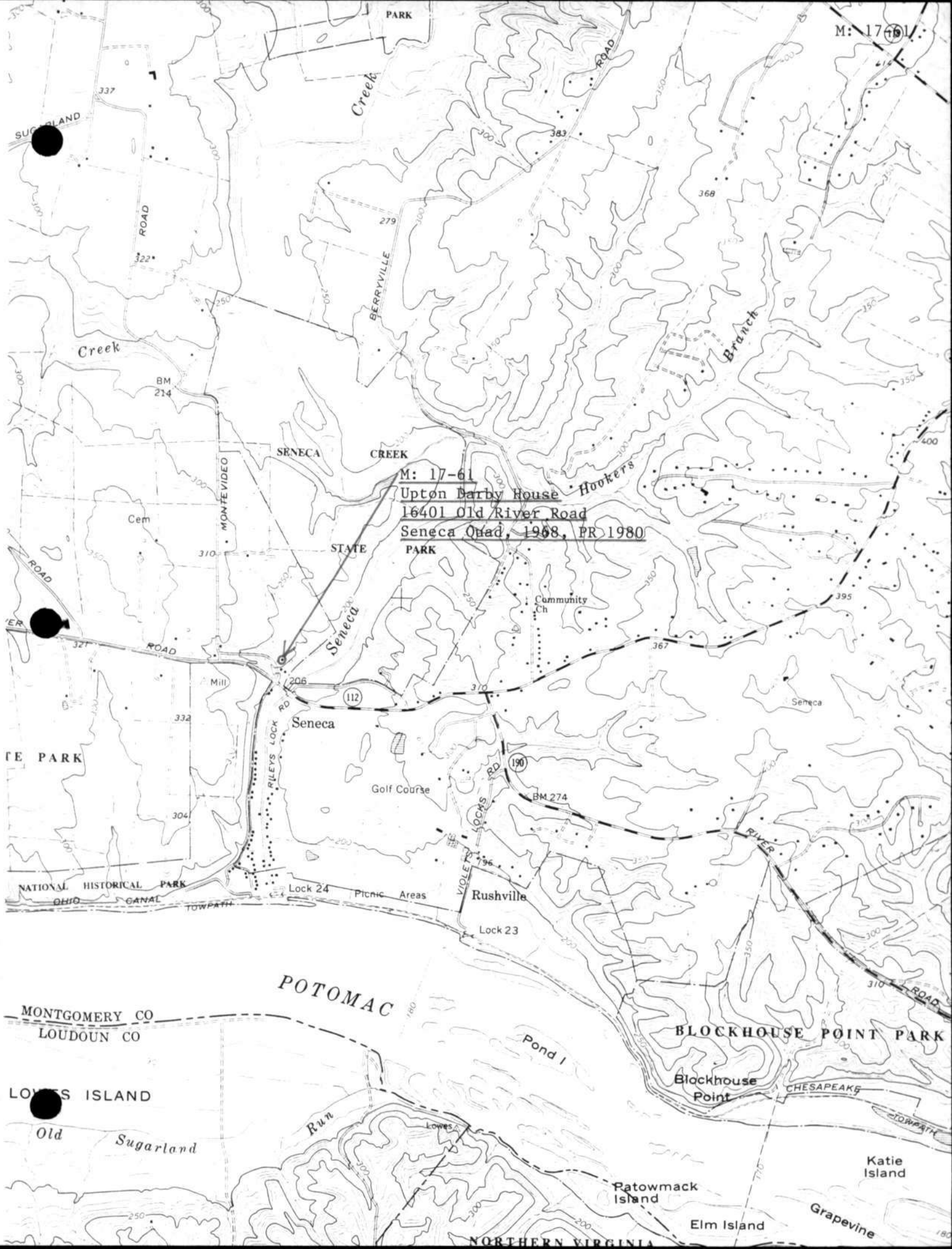
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONSee correspondence dated May 9, 1988ACTION TAKEN

THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this Amendment is to designate the following sites on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation thereby extending to them the protection of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

M: 17-01	Beallsville H.D.
M: 17-02	Charline Manor/Hanover
M: 17-24	East Oaks
M: 17-26	Stoney Castle
M: 17-58	Montevideo
M: 17-61	Upton Darby House
M: 17-62	Pooles General Store
M: 18-13	White/Turner Farm
M: 18-14	Joseph White House
M: 18-15	Friends Advice
M: 18-17	Greenwood/Day House
M: 18-19	Hilary Pyles Farm

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Upton Darby House
16401 Old River Road
Seneca Quad, 1968, PR 1980

STATE PARK

Seneca

Golf Course

POTOMAC

MONTGOMERY CO
LOUDOUN CO

LOWES ISLAND

Old Sugarland

Pond I

BLOCKHOUSE POINT PARK

Blockhouse Point

CHESAPEAKE

Katie Island

Patowmack Island

Elm Island

Grapevine

NORTHERN VIRGINIA

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Upton Darby House
16411 Old River Road, Poolesville
Jennifer K. Cosham, 3 November 2007
South elevation





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NAME UPTON DARBY HOUSE

LOCATION RIVER RD., SENECA, MD.

FACADE S

PHOTO TAKEN 5/20/74

m. DWYER



N: #17-61

NAME UPTON DARBY HOUSE
LOCATION RIVER RD. SENECA, Md
FACADE SE
PHOTO TAKEN 5/20/74 MDWYER